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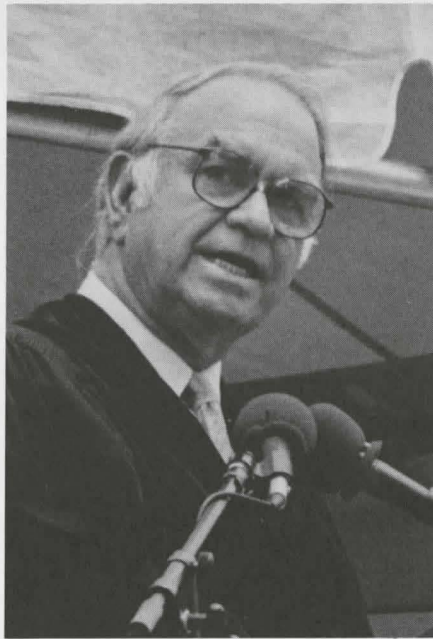
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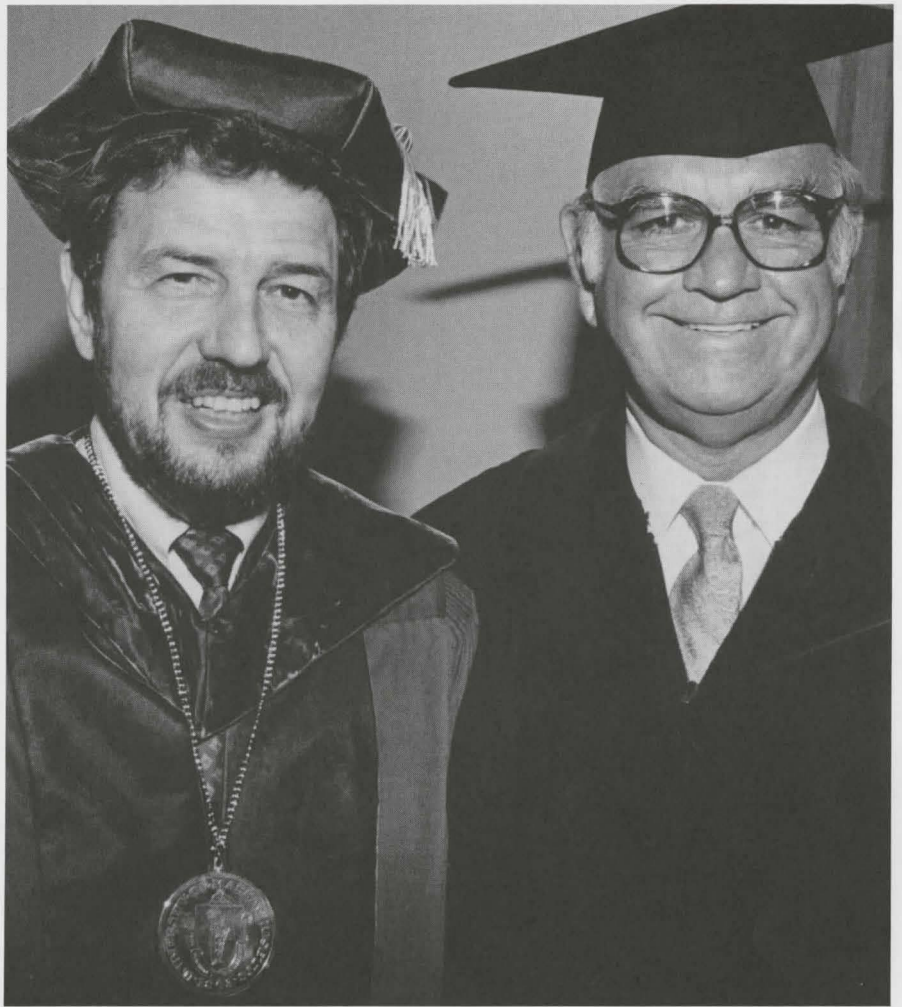


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—U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley

COMMENCEMENT 1986

UMass/Boston celebrates its 18th commencement with Class of '86



CHANCELLOR ROBERT A. CORRIGAN poses with 18th Commencement Speaker Congressman J. Joseph Moakley at colorful campus ceremonies.

UMass/Boston's Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan called the Class of 1986 to "a new custom of social tithing" at the 18th Commencement ceremony held before 6,500 on the Plaza at the Harbor Campus.

U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley, the featured speaker, noted: "New England is now the nation's most thriving and enterprising region. . . as we become involved in our region's dynamic development as the premier location for corporate expansion and business development."

A total of 1919 graduates, including 223 from the rapidly growing Graduate School, received degrees. Honorary degrees went to:

- Harvard Professor Henry Rosovsky, 59, of Newton, the driving force in Harvard's curriculum reform.

- Anna Faith Jones of Brookline, Director of the Boston Foundation, the first black woman in the United States to head a major community foundation.

- John J. Cullinane, 51, of Dedham, founder and Chairman of the Board of Cullinet Software, Inc.

- Stanton Kurzman, 55, of Newton Centre, President of Garden City Travel Services in Boston, long-time activist on behalf of academic, religious and philanthropic institutions.

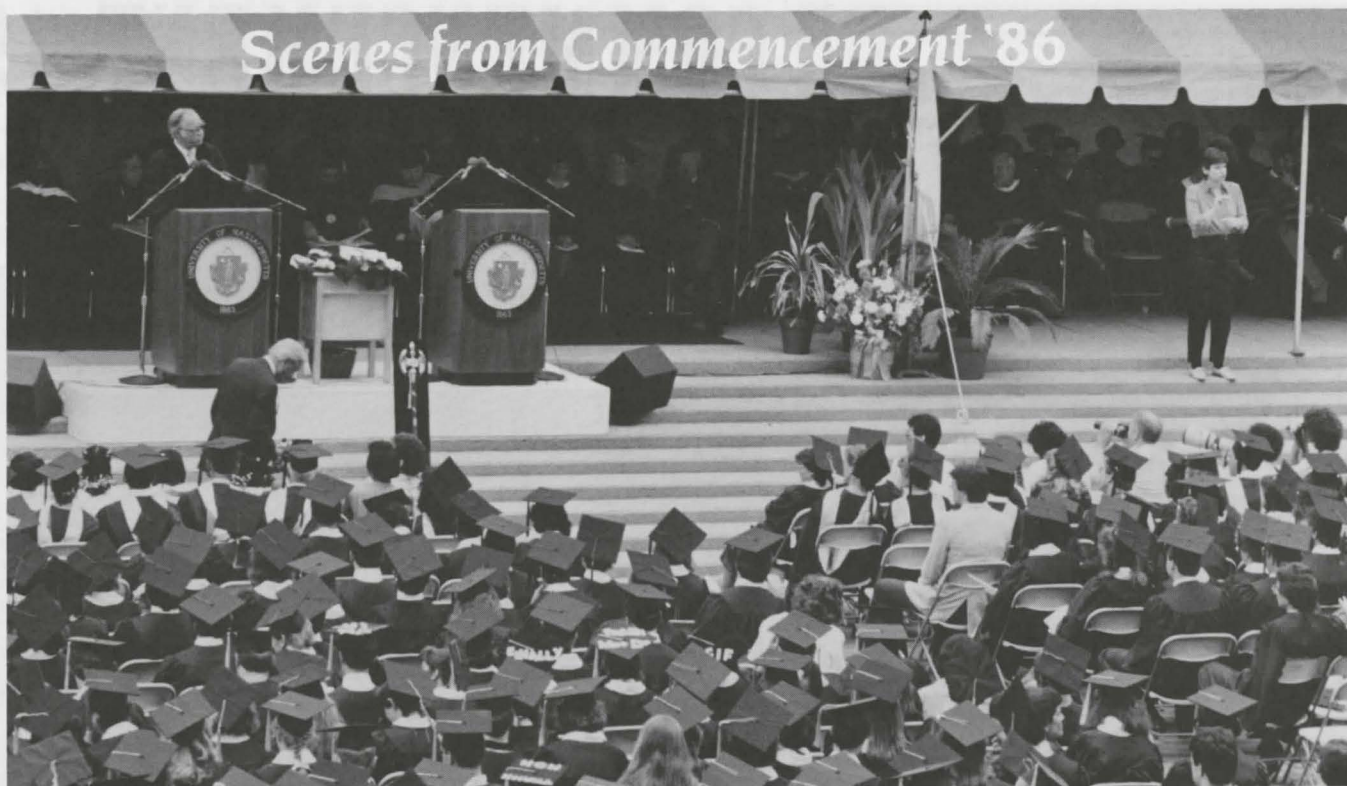
Said Chancellor Corrigan:

"You have graduated from a University that has demanded the best of you. Now you must take your place in a society that will be equally demanding. . . You leave this institution as well-educated as any group can expect to be, with energy and commitment and experience yet untapped. . .

"Let me remind you of an old church custom called tithing, in which the parishioner donated one tenth of personal income to the church.

"Let's create with the Class of 1986 a new custom of social tithing—donate 10% of your

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ABOVE: INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF, right, participated in Commencement program as Congressman J. Joseph Moakley addressed the jam-packed audience on the plaza.



LEFT: PROUD GRADUATES parade to the platform to receive their diplomas in stirring ceremony at the Harbor Campus. The 18th Commencement drew a banner turnout.



LEFT: HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS flank UMass President David Knapp and UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan. Left to right: Harvard Professor Henry Rosovsky; Stanton Kurzman; U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley, President Knapp, Chancellor Corrigan; Anna Faith Jones and John J. Cullinane. Congressman Moakley received a Doctor of Laws degree, the others Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

UMB graduates Class of '86

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time and energy to making Boston and Massachusetts, the nation and the world a better place for all of us.

"Spend 90% of your time on your self and your family—earning a living, advancing your career, furthering your education—but give the other 10% to the community.

"Tithe yourself. The community doesn't belong to someone else—it belongs to you—the community is you. And we have faith in your ability to meet the challenges that await you and will make this community a better place for all of us.

"Commencement means the beginning. This is your beginning."

Congressman Moakley, a native of South Boston and Democratic representative of Boston's 9th Congressional District, said: "Just as UMass/Boston's national reputation for excellence has increased in the past decade, as Time magazine so succinctly portrayed it in its feature on 10 'hot' colleges, so has the economic, social and corporate atmosphere in New England been literally transformed in a decade.

"No longer portrayed as the 'frost belt', the perennial national loser to its sister states in the 'sun belt', New England is now the nation's most thriving and enterprising region.

"Just as UMass/Boston is now a national showcase for educational excellence, so has New England as a region become a national laboratory for high technology, corporate finance and the service industry.

"The value and characteristics imbued in you by your alma mater have, to a larger degree, been imbued in all of us in New England as we watch our region grow and change; as we become involved in our region's dynamic development as the premier location for corporate expansion and business development. . .

"... Just as Massachusetts took the lead in the emerging technologies of the 1950's, so is Massachusetts taking the lead in the emerging technologies of the 1980's.

"We are doing this through a new and innovative partnership of business, universities and government. The decisions on the part of many, many people in all segments of the Commonwealth's economy, as well as all of New England's economy, have served as a catalyst for much of the region's explosive and, at least to people in Houston, Dallas, Phoenix and other sun belt cities, unexpected growth and development."

The College of Arts and Science had 852 graduates, followed by 401 from the College of Management, 230 from the College of Public and Community Service, 151 from the Nursing Program, 32 in Elementary Education and 30 in Physical Education.

The Commencement was the largest in the history of the university, established in 1964.

Rockland mother awarded JFK Award for Academic Excellence



DEBORAH H. SPRINGHETTI, winner of the John F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence brought greetings from the Class of 1986 to an 18th Commencement audience of 6,500 at the Harbor Campus.

A Rockland mother of two was presented the John F. Kennedy Award for Academic Excellence at UMass/Boston's 18th Commencement exercises at the Harbor Campus.

Deborah H. Springhetti, 38, wife of Donald Springhetti of East Water St., Rockland, earned a baccalaureate degree in business from the College of Management. She gave the Greetings of the Class of 1986.

Speaking for the 1919 graduates, she told the faculty, honorary degree recipients and guests:

"We are serious, energetic people who had the optimism to overcome the difficulties involved in acquiring a first-rate education. For many of us, those challenges have been formidable. Two-thirds of us are the first members of our families to graduate from college.

"Most of us had significant responsibilities or distractions outside of school. We have each had to design our own unique co-op program which enabled us to support ourselves, pay our tuition, or care for our children while hitting the books."

"During our four or five or more years here we have earned our degrees one step at a time; inch by inch; one course on top of another. Through this process we have begun to develop the patience and self confidence that will be the foundation for the rest of our lives," she continued.

Her words weren't just rhetoric. She spent seven years driving between Rockland and UMass/Boston to earn her degree.

"My husband earned his degree first. Then it was my turn. My education became a joint effort for the family. Everyone, the kids included, had to do a little more at times so I could be freed-up for classes and study," said the graduate.

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The Springhetti children are Kenneth, 12, and Evelyn, 10. The young mother hopes the children will have learned her and her husband's example, the importance of education.

Deborah Springhetti, despite all the demands on her time, earned the highest grades in the College of Management. Academic achievement, commitment to community service and personal excellence led to her selection for the JFK Award by a university-wide committee.

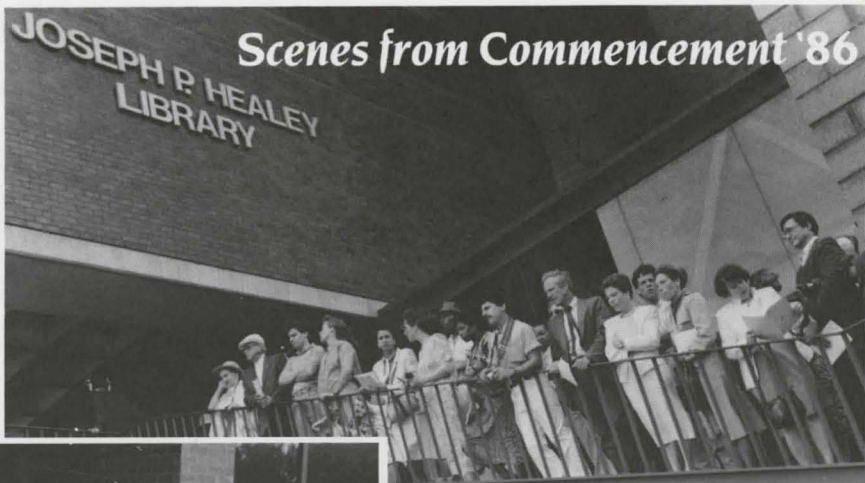
"I waited seven years for this," she gushed, clutching her diploma.

In September, she will enter graduate school.

TOP RIGHT: SEATS WERE AT a premium at Commencement. These interested parents and friends braved the wind from a vantage point on the library steps.

BELOW: PARADE OF FACULTY included Professors Dick Hogarty and Joan Tonn, followed by retirees Professors Bernard P. Rosenblatt, Robert Steamer, Kermit Morrissey, Ros Rosenmeir, George Goodwin, Franklin (Pat) Patterson, then Dean Richard Freeland and Vice-Chancellor Charles Desmond.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Honorary degree recipient Stanton L. Kurzman, left, beams with pride as University trustee Frederick S. (Barney) Troy accompanies him in colorful Commencement ceremonies.



CONFERRING HONORARY DEGREE on U.S. Congressman J. Joseph Moakley, UMass President David C. Knapp, left, Robert H. Quinn, Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, Congressman Moakley, Trustee James Carlin, turned, and Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.